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DATE: 22 May 1947

TO : Chief, Security Branch

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FROM :

SUBJECT: Establishment of Security Standards for CIG Personnel.

Reference: Asst. Dir., C & D, Security Study No. 12, dtd 30 April 1947

1. The problem set forth in Reference with respect to establishing 3 to 5 security standards for CIG personnel has been studied. Colonel [redacted] were interviewed.

2. It was learned from [redacted] that the recommendation for establishing classifications of security arose because of [redacted]. This Branch has had difficulty in recruiting personnel because of the extended time it takes to complete investigations and [redacted] said that his operations were largely of a non-classified nature and he thought that special provisions could well be made to alleviate his recruitment problem. However, [redacted] is not in favor of establishing a number of personnel security classifications based upon varying degrees of investigation as he believes it would be detrimental to the morale of his employees. [redacted] said his problem could be resolved if permission could be obtained for his Branch to employ people for a period of 90 to 120 days and during this period a complete investigation could be completed. It is the undersigned's opinion that from a security standpoint there would be no objection to Col. White doing this.

3. A telephone conversation with Mr. Wm. J. Kelley of the Personnel Division discloses that there would be no objections to hiring employees for stated short periods of time but there would be objections to hiring people temporarily contingent upon their meeting CIG's personnel security standards. Mr. Kelly said that the latter had been done in a few instances and that it had been found difficult to get rid of these employees when the results of the investigations were not satisfactory.

4. [redacted] said that he would oppose any plan which contemplated setting up a number of classifications of personnel investigations based upon the type of work to be done and the area to be worked in. He said that he was firm in his opinion that all employees of CIG should have a complete investigation. However, he said he would have no objections in certain cases particularly as concerns the [redacted] of waiving instances where the applicant did not fully meet CIG security requirements. Col. [redacted] expressed himself as not having decided views one way or the other concerning the feasibility and desirability of establishing graded security standards. He felt that he would be willing to abide by the recommendations of the Security Branch after it had completed its study.

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5. There is attached hereto as an enclosure a suggested draft of a recommended policy for submission to the Deputy Director. ~~While this policy for submission to the Deputy Director.~~ While this policy has not been cleared administratively it is believed at this time that no difficulty would be encountered in gaining necessary concurrences.

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